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Integrated Water Efficiency, Flood Protection, and Water Supply Act of 2007
FACT SHEET

Key Principles

- Provide better, cheaper, and faster flood protection and water supply through more efficient use of existing system of dams, reservoirs, and storage facilities.

- Exploit increased water conservation and efficiency to increase water supply.

- Save taxpayer money by using funds already approved by voters before asking them to increase the state's "credit card limit" through new debt (general obligation bonds).

- Use existing bond funds already approved by the voters to increase water conservation and efficiency, re-operate existing dams, groundwater storage.

Summary

The Act does all of the following:

1. Establishes clear statutory direction to state water agencies to increase water conservation and efficiency.

2. Appropriates $5 million from Water Planning and Design funds in Proposition 84 (approved by the voters last November) to the Department of Water Resources for the purposes of re-operating the state's existing system of dams, groundwater storage, and flood facilities to capture more snow melt and runoff, store it, and increase water supplies.

3. Appropriates $5 million from Proposition 84 to the Department of Water Resources to complete the evaluations of the CAL-FED surface storage proposals and sets a deadline of March 2008 to complete those studies and foreword them to the Legislature and Governor.
4. Appropriates $50 million from Proposition 84 to the State Water Resources Control Board to update groundwater basin resource plans to increase available supply and storage capacity of groundwater basins, and to provide new, safe supplies of drinking water to disadvantaged communities.

5. Appropriates $100 million from Proposition 84 to purchase additional groundwater storage space in order to increase state water storage capacity.

6. Appropriates $100 million in funds from Proposition 84 for integrated flood and water management activities in order to better capture water flows during rainy periods and to store those flows for use during dry periods.